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Antigua and Barbuda:* revised draft resolution

Modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 61/229 of 22 December 2006 and 62/179 of 19 December 2007, in which it decided to convene, during its sixty-third session, a high-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward",

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome[1] and its follow-up resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006,

Recalling further its resolutions 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 61/230 of 22 December 2006 and 61/296 of 17 September 2007 and the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council, entitled "The role of the United Nations in support of the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development", of 18 July 2001,[2]

Reaffirming its determination to address the special needs of Africa, which is the only continent not on track to meet the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

Noting that the implementation of commitments made to and by African countries will contribute to the continent's achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

Convinced that the high-level meeting will constitute a significant event that will review the implementation of all commitments made to and by Africa in order to comprehensively address the special development needs of the continent,

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting will be held on 22 September 2008, prior to the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 60/1.

[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/56/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 29.

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2. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting will be held at the highest possible political level, including the participation of Heads of State or Government, ministers, special representatives and other representatives, as appropriate;

3. *Further decides* that the high-level meeting will be composed of an opening plenary meeting, followed by two high-level round tables in the morning and two high-level round tables in the afternoon, which will address the overall theme of the meeting, and a closing plenary meeting;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting;

5. *Decides* that the meeting will result in a political declaration on Africa's development needs;

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to produce a concise draft text in consultation with Member States and based on their inputs, and convene informals on the initial draft text at a date appropriate so as to enable sufficient discussion;

7. *Strongly urges* all Member States to actively participate in the meeting;

8. *Decides* that the preparation for the meeting will be conducted in close consultation between the United Nations and the African Union;

9. *Invites* the Holy See, in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the meeting;

10. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly will consult with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector, and with Member States, as appropriate, on the list of representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector that may participate in the round tables of the high-level meeting;

11. *Also decides* that the meeting will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly;

12. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly to participate in the meeting;

13. *Invites* heads of the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies to participate in the meeting, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly;

14. *Invites* the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization, the regional development banks and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and development partners to participate in the meeting;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the meeting a comprehensive report, with recommendations, on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" in cooperation with relevant development agencies of the United Nations, the Bretton Woods institutions and other relevant regional and international financial and trade institutions.